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State of California

County of Santa Clara

On November 6, 2001 before me, Bobbi Evenson

Date

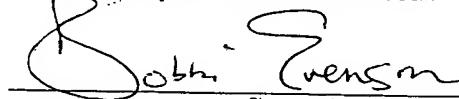
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WITNESS my hand and official seal.



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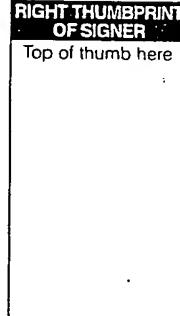
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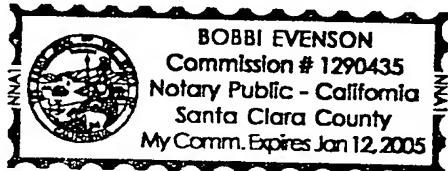
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Henry C. Coles, Hector Vidales, Joseph R. Allen, and Tri Nguyen are joint inventors of "LOW PROFILE LATCH ACTIVATOR," application for United States Letters Patent which is executed of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention throughout the world, and all right, title and interest in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., all right, title and interest in and to the said invention throughout the world, and said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P. for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries are or may be granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States on said invention or resulting from said application and from any and all divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, to COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., as assignee of our entire interest, and hereby covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

And we further hereby covenant and agree that we will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title of said invention and to such Letters Patent as may be granted therefor, to COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives and that if COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., its successors, assigns or other legal representatives shall desire to file any divisional or continuation applications or to secure a reissue of such Letters Patent, or to file a disclaimer relating thereto, will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the filing of such divisional or continuation application, or such application for reissue and the procuring thereof, and for the filing of such disclaimer, without further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

And we do further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, communicate to COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, such facts relating to said invention and Letters Patent or the file history thereof as may be known to us, and testify as to the same in any interference or

other litigation when requested so to do, without further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

EXECUTED THIS 6 day of November, 2001.

Henry C. Coles  
Henry C. Coles

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                           §  
COUNTY OF   §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Henry C. Coles**, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the State of California

EXECUTED THIS 6 day of NOVEMBER, 2001.

Hector Vidales  
Hector Vidales

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                           §  
COUNTY OF   §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Hector Vidales**, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the State of California

EXECUTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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**Joseph R. Allen**

STATE OF TEXAS            §  
COUNTY OF HARRIS        §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Joseph R. Allen**, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

EXECUTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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**Tri Nguyen**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        §  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_            §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Tri Nguyen**, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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Notary Public in and for the State of California

**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, **Henry C. Coles, Hector Vidales, Joseph R. Allen, and Tri Nguyen** are joint inventors of "**LOW PROFILE LATCH ACTIVATOR**," application for United States Letters Patent which is executed of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention throughout the world, and all right, title and interest in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., all right, title and interest in and to the said invention throughout the world, and said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P. for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries are or may be granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States on said invention or resulting from said application and from any and all divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, to COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., as assignee of our entire interest, and hereby covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

And we further hereby covenant and agree that we will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title of said invention and to such Letters Patent as may be granted therefor, to COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives and that if COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., its successors, assigns or other legal representatives shall desire to file any divisional or continuation applications or to secure a reissue of such Letters Patent, or to file a disclaimer relating thereto, will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the filing of such divisional or continuation application, or such application for reissue and the procuring thereof, and for the filing of such disclaimer, without further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

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EXECUTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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**Henry C. Coles**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    §  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_                    §

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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Notary Public in and for the State of California

EXECUTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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**Hector Vidales**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    §  
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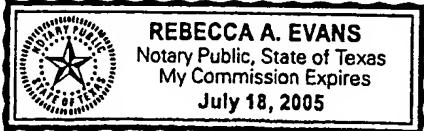
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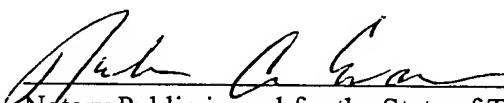
  
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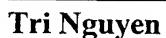
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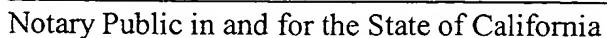
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Tri Nguyen

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                   §  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_                       §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Tri Nguyen**, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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**Henry C. Coles**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    §  
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Joseph R. Allen

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
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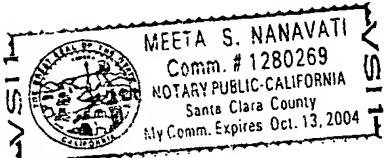
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Tri Nguyen  
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Tri Nguyen, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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MEETA S. NANAVATI  
Notary Public in and for the State of California

Attorney Docket No.: COMP:0248(P01-3719)

**DECLARATION**

SOLE/Joint INVENTOR  
ORIGINAL/SUBSTITUTE/CIP

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**LOW PROFILE LATCH ACTIVATOR**

as described in the specification  attached or  of patent Application Serial No.  
filed \_\_\_\_\_

and amended on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representative or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a). Such information is material when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

- (1) it establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim; or  
(2) it refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant has taken or may take in:

- (i) opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or  
(ii) asserting an argument of patentability.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificates listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as any subject matter of any claim of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States Application, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national PCT international filing date of this application:

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

FULL NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR <b>Henry C. Coles</b>	INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE <i>Henry C. Coles</i>	DATE 11 6 01
RESIDENCE <b>20620 Ried Lane, Saratoga, CA 95070</b>		CITIZENSHIP <b>U.S.A.</b>
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POST OFFICE ADDRESS  		

FULL NAME OF THIRD JOINT INVENTOR <b>Joseph R. Allen</b>	INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE	DATE
RESIDENCE <b>11506 Pecan Canyon Court, Tomball, TX 77375</b>	CITIZENSHIP <b>U.S.A.</b>	
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FULL NAME OF FOURTH JOINT INVENTOR <b>Tri Nguyen</b>	INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE	DATE
RESIDENCE <b>1663 Ontario Drive, #4, Sunnyvale, CA 94087</b>	CITIZENSHIP <b>U.S.A.</b>	
POST OFFICE ADDRESS		

Attorney Docket No.: COMP:0248(P01-3719)

## DECLARATION

SOLE/Joint INVENTOR  
ORIGINAL/SUBSTITUTE/CIP

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### **LOW PROFILE LATCH ACTIVATOR**

as described in the specification  attached or  of patent Application Serial No.  
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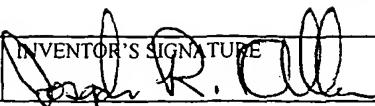
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